In the event of a student/candidate withdrawing before the starting of the courses, the wait listed candidates should be given admission against the vacant seat. The entire fee collected from the student, after a deduction of the processing fee of not more than Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One thousand only), shall be refunded and returned by the Institution to the student/candidate withdrawing from the programme. It would not be permissible for institutions to retain the School/Institution Leaving Certificate in original. Should a student leave after joining the course and if the seat consequently falling vacant has been filled by another candidate by the last date of admission, the institution must return the fee collected with proportionate deductions of monthly fee and proportionate hostel rent, wherever applicable.

Any violation of instructions issued by the AICTE, shall call for punitive action including withdrawal of approval and recognition of erring institutions. AICTE shall on its own or on receipt of specific complaints from those affected shall take all such steps as may be necessary to enforce these directions.

Aggrieved parents/students are advised to contact/communicate in this regard to Deputy Director (Public Grievances), AICTE.

MEMBER SECRETARY

Promotion of Sanskrit

†1126. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the current education system, the worst sufferers are Indian languages among which Sanskrit language has suffered most that makes us acquainted with the age old antiquity and Indianness and has become obsolete;

(b) if so, whether Government is making any concrete and effective plan for the promotion of Sanskrit; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Government of India is giving full impetus for development of Indian languages both in schools and universities. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Human Resource Development offers 32 languages, of which 20 are Indian languages including Sanskrit. The Board offers a course of communicative Sanskrit at Secondary level and two courses named as Sanskrit Core and Sanskrit Elective at the Senior Secondary level. About 3519 schools offer Sanskrit at Secondary level and 767 schools at Senior Secondary level. For promotion of Sanskrit, Government has set up institutions like Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan (MSRVVP) at Ujjain for preservation, conservation and development of oral tradition of Vedic studies and study of Vedas through Pathshalas and Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSKS), for

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creation and promotion of research facilities and infrastructure for modernizing Sanskrit teaching. The Central Government has also allocated Rs. 17.500 lakh and Rs.4,500 lakh respectively to RSKS and MSRVVP for the Eleventh Plan period, for implementing various schemes for promotion of Sanskrit. In the Eleventh Plan, University Grants Commission (UGC) has allocated Rs. 966.5 lakh and Rs. 1,162.5 lakh respectively to Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati and Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi for promotion of Sanskrit. A Presidential Award Scheme is also in place to honour eminent Sanskrit scholars under which there are 16 Certificates of Honour and 5 Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman for young scholars-total 21 awards annually. UGC also offers Veda Vyas National Sanskrit Award to promote quality teaching/research in Sanskrit.

Map in Government schools

†1127. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the map of the country which is being taught in Government schools of Himachal Pradesh, does not mention Union Territory Delhi and nation's capital New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government is taking any action against the State Government and concerned officers for this blunder; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Government of Himachal Pradesh has informed that political map of India in History and Social Sciences textbooks taught in Government schools in the State from Classes I to XII show Capital of India as Delhi/New Delhi.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Facilities for Municipal Council run schools

1128. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that some of the Municipal Council and Municipal Corporation run primary schools are most neglected and badly managed;

(b) whether Government is serious enough to provide them with infrastructural facilities, trained teachers and proper management for quality education; and

(c) if so, what efforts are being made to raise their standard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Under norms for implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme infrastructure facilities in the shape of construction of buildings,

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